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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO TRANSFER
HOSPITAL PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE MEDICAID BENEFITS TO
NURSING HOMES IN A TIMELY MANNER."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the period of time Medicaid recipients remain in acute care
5 hospitals before transfer to a long-term care facility. Such study shall
6 include, but not be limited to, an examination of: (1) The reasons a
7 Medicaid recipient may remain in an acute care hospital for an
8 extended period of time; (2) the barriers preventing transfer of some
9 Medicaid recipients to long-term care facilities; (3) the federal agency
10 approvals and policy and procedure changes required to facilitate the
11 transfer of Medicaid recipients from acute care hospitals to long-term
12 care facilities in a timely manner; and (4) clinical standards and state
13 licensure requirements that may prevent or facilitate such transfer of
14 Medicaid recipients.

- 15 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 16 (1) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
17 designee;
- 18 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
19 designee;
- 20 (3) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
21 secretary's designee;
- 22 (4) Three representatives of acute care hospitals, one each from the
23 Hospital of Saint Raphael, the Eastern Connecticut Health Network
24 and Danbury Hospital who shall be appointed by the Governor;
- 25 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association who
26 shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 27 (6) Two representatives of the associations representing nursing
28 homes in the state, one from each of the two such associations who
29 shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 30 (7) One representative of a nursing facility licensed as a chronic
31 disease hospital pursuant to section 19a-491 of the general statutes
32 who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
33 Representatives;
- 34 (8) One representative of a nursing facility specializing in patients
35 with complex medical conditions who shall be appointed by the
36 majority leader of the Senate;
- 37 (9) One representative of a legal advocacy organization that
38 represents the interests of elderly persons who shall be appointed by
39 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
- 40 (10) One representative of an organization that advocates on behalf
41 of adults with psychiatric disabilities who shall be appointed by the
42 minority leader of the Senate.

43 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
 44 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
 45 filled by the appointing authority.

46 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
 47 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
 48 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
 49 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
 50 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

51 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
 53 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

54 (f) Not later than October 1, 2010, the task force shall submit (1) a
 55 report on its findings, and (2) recommendations to decrease the time
 56 period that Medicaid recipients remain in an acute care hospital before
 57 transfer to a long-term care facility to the joint standing committees of
 58 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
 59 services, public health and appropriations, in accordance with the
 60 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
 61 terminate on the date that it submits such report or October 1, 2010,
 62 whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section